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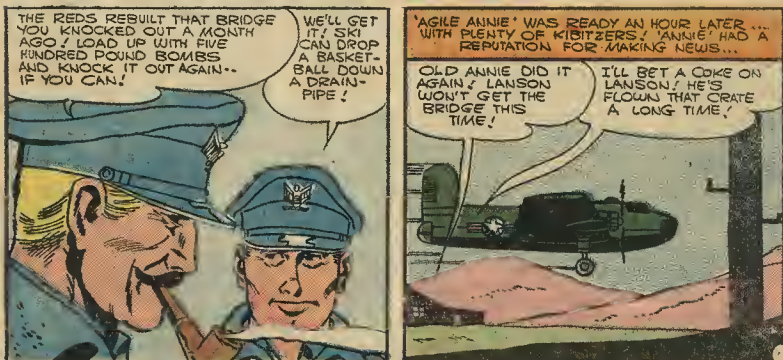
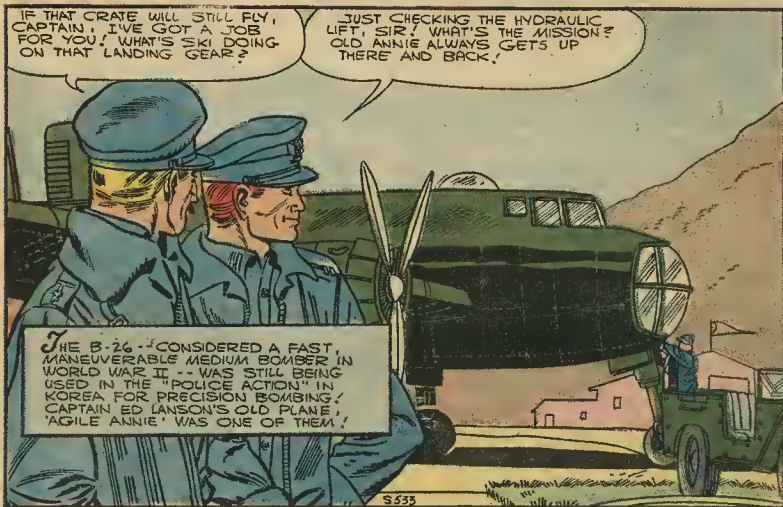
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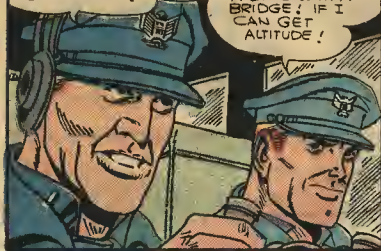


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THE WARNING LIGHT ON THE INSTRUMENT PANEL INDICATED THE DANGER TO CAPTAIN LANSON AND LT. HIBBLER! THEY GRINNED AT EACH OTHER...

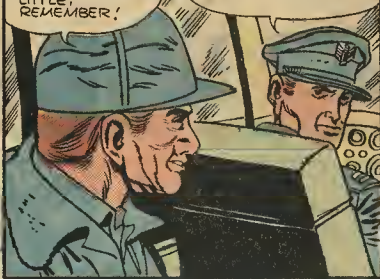
OLD ANNIE'S ACTIN' UP, ED! ONE GEAR WON'T RETRACT! WE'RE GOIN' BACK!

WE'LL WORRY LATER--RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT A DATE WITH A BRIDGE! IF I CAN GET ALTITUDE!



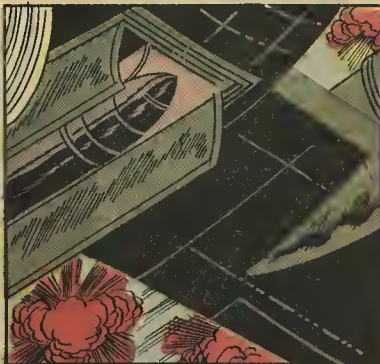
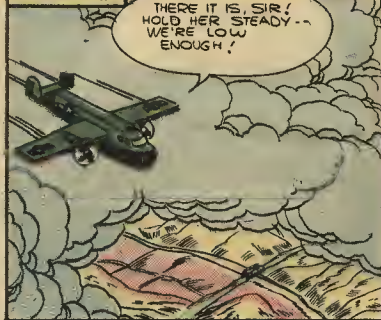
I FIGURED THAT, CAP! WE FOULED UP THE GEAR WHEN WE CAME IN ON ONE ENGINE! WE BOUNCED A LITTLE, REMEMBER!

WE MAY BOUNCE A LOT HARDER TODAY! GET BACK THERE AND MAKE SURE THE BOMBS LAND ON TARGET!

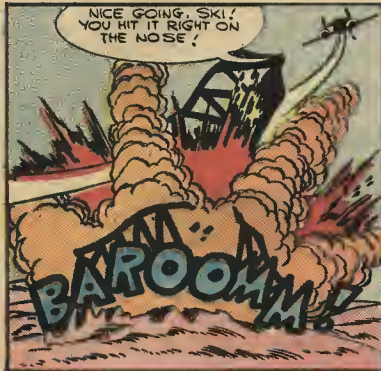


THE NARROW TWISTING VALLEY AND THE RIBBON OF TRACKS BESIDE THE RIVER WAS QUICKLY REACHED...

THERE IT IS, SIR! HOLD HER STEADY--WE'RE LOW ENOUGH!



NICE GOING, SKI! YOU HIT IT RIGHT ON THE NOSE!



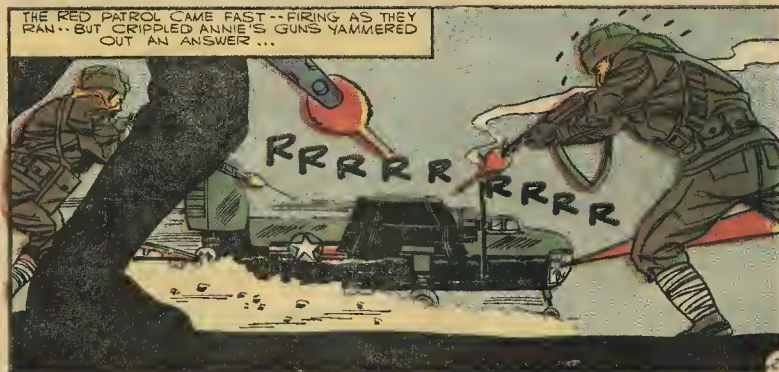
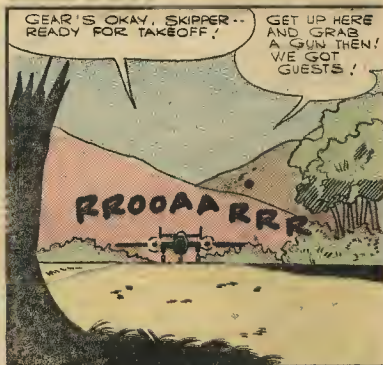
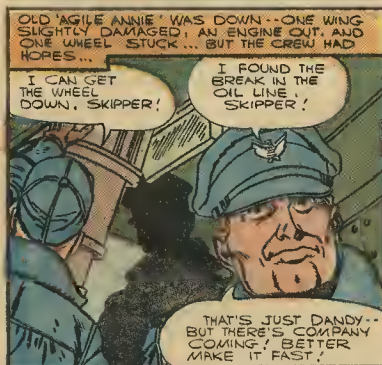
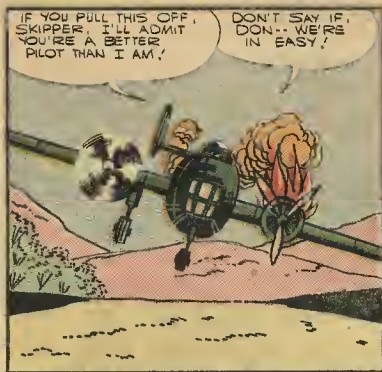
THE OBSOLETE BOMBER BANKED TO TURN AWAY WHEN A SHELL HIT THE PORT ENGINE...

OIL PRESSURE OUT ON THE PORT SIDE, SKIPPER! WE CAUGHT A SHELL FRAGMENT! WE GOING TO DITCH?

LET'S HEAD FOR THE OLD FIELD THE REDS GRABBED! MAYBE WE CAN GET THE OLD LADY IN SHAPE IF WE WORK FAST! TELL JEEP TO GET HIS TOOLS!



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SKINNY

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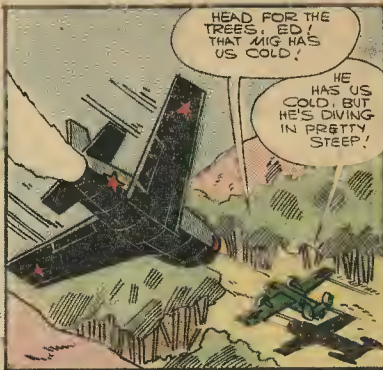
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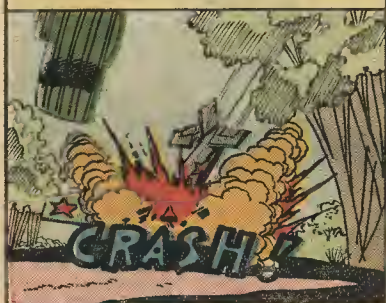
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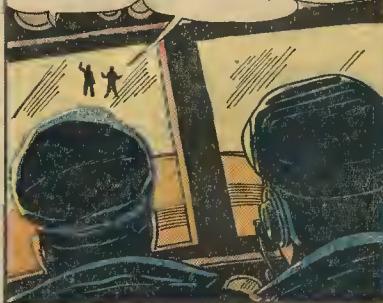


CRIPPLED ANNIE WAS VERY LOW WHEN THE MIG MADE HIS PASS--AND MISSED! THEN THEN HEARD THE MUFFLED CRASH WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND...



HERE'S OLD ANNIE! YOU OWE ME A COKE!

CRIPPLED ANNIE DID IT AGAIN!-- BUT ED LANSON AND HIS CREW ARE GENUINES!



I GOT THE REPORT, ED! YOU DID A NICE JOB-- AND I'M GOING TO GET YOU A NICE NEW SHIP TO TAKE OLD ANNIE'S PLACE!

THANK YOU, SIR-- BUT...

GEE, SKIPPER, I KIND OF HATE TO THINK OF CHANGING SHIPS



WE'LL KEEP CRIPPLED ANNIE, JEEP! AS LONG AS SHE'LL FLY, WE'LL FLY 'ER, IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU AND THE OTHERS...

OKAY? I'D PUT IN FOR KP IF THEY TOOK HER AWAY FROM US!



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SECOND CHANCE

THE TACTICS OF BATTLE IN THE AIR HAS CHANGED SINCE WORLD WAR II -- THERE ARE NO INDIVIDUAL STARS -- THE FIGHTERS OPERATE AS A TEAM AND ONE PILOT WHO GOOFS CAN ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THE ENTIRE FLIGHT! LIEUTENANT AL WEBBER LEARNED THAT IN HIS FIRST WEEK OF COMBAT...



THE MIGS HAD SCREAMED DOWN OUT OF THE SUN -- NO U.S. PLANES WERE LOST BUT IT WAS CLOSE! MAJOR O'KEEFE WAS IN A RAGE WHEN LT. WEBBER LANDED FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE FLIGHT AT THE HOME FIELD...

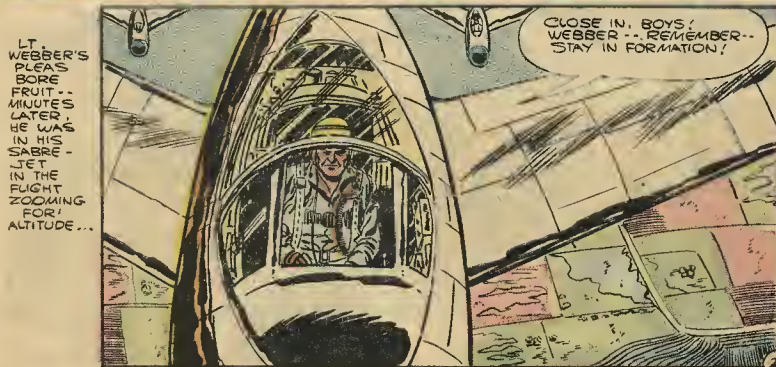
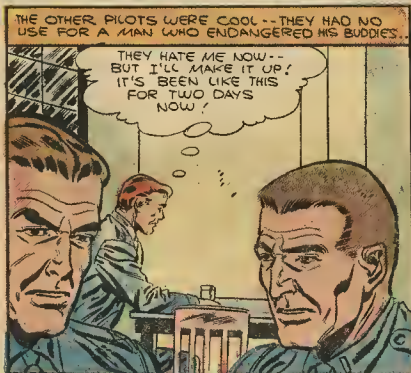
SORRY, SIR! I GUESS I GOT RATTLED BACK THERE!

SORRY? THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, YOU'RE GROUNDED, LIEUTENANT!

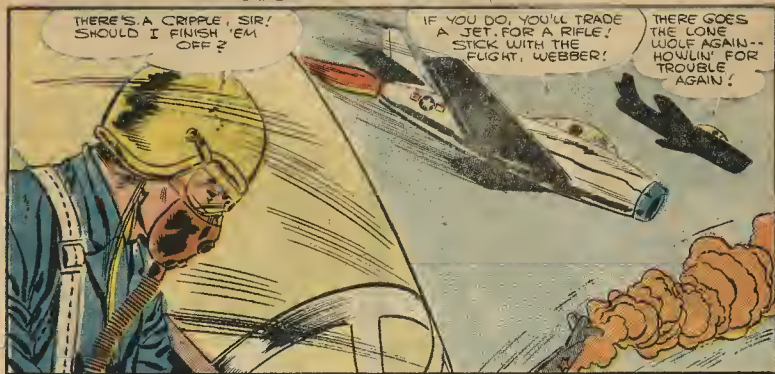
YOU'VE BEEN TRAINED IN OUR TACTICS, WEBBER! YOU ENDANGERED THE ENTIRE FLIGHT! WHY'D YOU CUT OUT?

I THOUGHT I COULD GET ABOVE THEM, SIR! I WON'T LEAVE THE FLIGHT AGAIN!

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THERE'S A CRIPPLE, SIR!
SHOULD I FINISH 'EM
OFF?

IF YOU DO, YOU'LL TRADE
A JET FOR A RIFLE!
STICK WITH THE
FIGHT, WEBBER!

THERE GOES
THE LONE
WOLF AGAIN--
HOWLIN' FOR
TROUBLE
AGAIN!

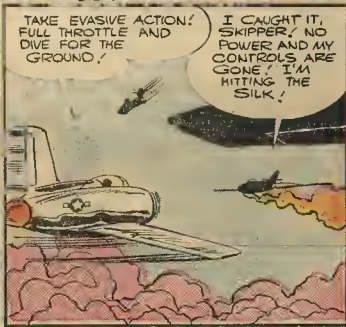
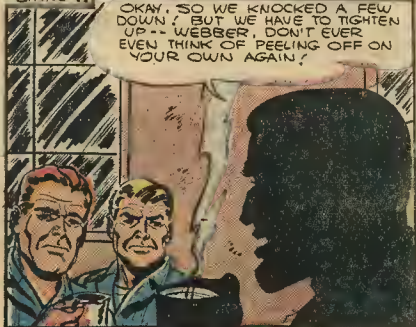
AL WEBBER KEPT FORMATION-- BUT MAJOR
O'KEEFE'S SPEECH BACK AT THE BASE WAS
BITING --

OKAY, SO WE KNOCKED A FEW
DOWN, BUT WE HAVE TO TIGHTEN
UP -- WEBBER, DON'T EVER
EVEN THINK OF PEELING OFF ON
YOUR OWN AGAIN.

WEBBER FLEW A FEW MORE ROUTINE
MISSIONS -- THEN THE MIGS SWARMED IN
ON THE BIG PUSH --

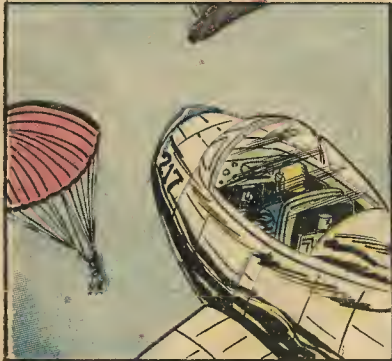
TAKE EVASIVE ACTION!
FULL THROTTLE AND
DIVE FOR THE
GROUND!

I CAUGHT IT,
SKIPPER, NO
POWER AND MY
CONTROLS ARE
GONE, I'M
HITTING THE
SILK!



WEBBER PEELLED OFF -- INTERCEPTING THE
MIG DIVING AT THE HELPLESS PILOT...

SET UP THE COURT-
MARTIAL, SIR! I'LL
BE THERE AFTER
I KNOCK OFF
THIS COMMIE!



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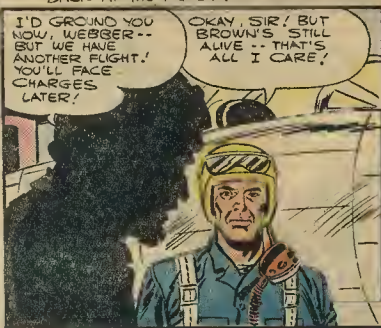


SCRATCH ANOTHER
RED, SIR!

THE DOWNED PILOT WAS FOUND BY FRIENDLY
R.O.K.'S -- BUT THAT DIDN'T HELP LT. WEBBER
BACK AT THE FIELD...

I'D GROUND YOU
NOW, WEBBER --
BUT WE HAVE
ANOTHER FLIGHT!
YOU'LL FACE
CHARGES
LATER!

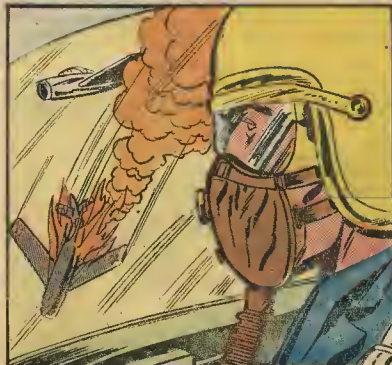
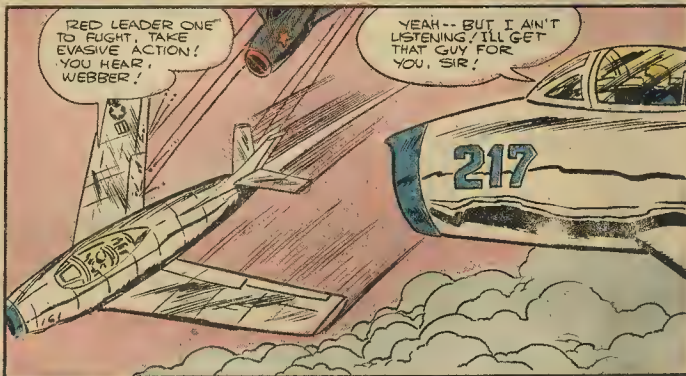
OKAY, SIR! BUT
BROWN'S STILL
ALIVE -- THAT'S
ALL I CARE!



THE
MIG
RAID
WAS
UNDER
CONTROL --
ALL
THAT
WAS
LEFT
WAS
A LAST
PATROL
TO
MAKE
SURE --
BUT
IT WAS
A
DEADLY
ONE...

RED LEADER ONE
TO FIGHT, TAKE
EVASIVE ACTION!
YOU HEAR,
WEBBER!

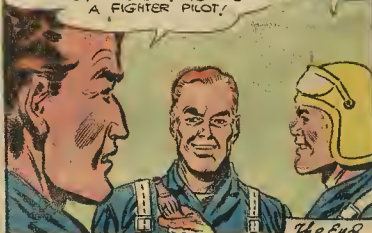
YEAH -- BUT I AIN'T
LISTENING, I'LL GET
THAT GUY FOR
YOU, SIR!



LT. WEBBER LANDED HIS PLANE LATER
ON -- KNOWING HE WAS IN FOR ANOTHER
CHEWING OUT -- HE WAS RIGHT, BUT...

WEBBER, YOU REALLY GOOFED
TODAY -- BUT AT LEAST TWO
OF US OWE YOU OUR LIVES!
THIS IS A REPRIMAND -- BUT
FOR MYSELF AND THE OTHERS.
THANKS, BUSTER! YOU'RE
A FIGHTER PILOT!

COME
ON, IT'S
MY TIME
TO
TREAT!



The End

THE "POLICE ACTION" IN KOREA INTRODUCED A NEW TYPE OF WARFARE TO THE WORLD... SUPERSONIC PLANES, NAPALM BOMBS, AND SUPERMEN WHO FOUGHT IN THE SUBSTRATOS - THERE! PILOTS WERE TRAINED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE -- BUT THE AIR FORCE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO RELY ON THE 'RETRADES,' THE MEN WHO HAD FLOWN IN COMBAT IN WORLD WAR II. CAPTAIN TOM REGAN WAS ONE...AND HE DIDN'T LIKE IT A BIT. THERE WAS ALWAYS...

ONE MORE MISSION



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CAPTAIN REGAN WAS RECALLED INTO THE AIR FORCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1950...MARRIED. HE HAD TWO CHILDREN, AND A HOUSEHOLD WITH A BIG MORTGAGE...

WE NEED MEN WITH YOUR COMBAT EXPERIENCE IN KOREA, REGAN. HERE ARE YOUR ORDERS.

MY FAMILY NEEDS ME HOME TOO, SIR! BUT, SINCE I'M RECALLED, I'D BETTER MAKE THE BEST OF IT!



A HUGE C-47 WAITED AT HICKMAN FIELD IN HONOLULU TO TAKE THEM ACROSS THE PACIFIC. TOM REGAN MET 2ND LT. FUP SANDERS THERE...

HERE WE GO, SIR! I'VE BEEN WAITING TO GET A CRACK AT THE MIG 15'S!

THEY SOMETIMES CRACK BACK, LIEUTENANT! WE RETRADES AREN'T AS EAGER TO GET KILLED AS YOU DODOS!



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THE ROUTINE WAS FAMILIAR TO TOM REGAN -- A THREE DAY STAY AT TOKYO FOR SHOTS -- A BRIEFING AT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS -- THEN ARRIVAL AT THE FIELD IN KOREA...

CAPTAIN REGAN, COLONEL CARDEO WANTS TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY!

THANKS, SERGEANT! I'M ON MY WAY!



CAPTAIN REGAN REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR!

SKIP THE FORMALITY, REGAN. SIT DOWN AND RELAX. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU HAVE IN JETS?



COLONEL CARDEO WAS SATISFIED WITH REGAN'S RESERVE TRAINING. HE ASSIGNED HIM AS A FLIGHT LEADER...

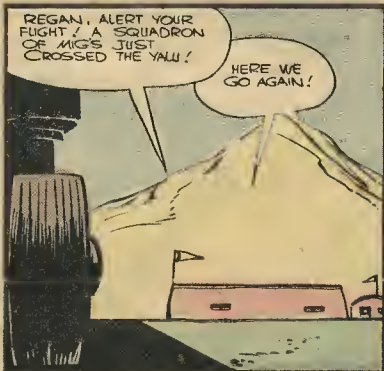
THAT'S A LOT OF AIRPLANE FOR AN OLD MAN TO FLY, SIR!

LOOK, SONNY, I WAS KNOCKING DOWN ZEROS WHEN YOU WERE SHOOTING MARBLES. NO MORE CRACKS AND FOLLOV ORDERS TO THE LETTER, LIEUTENANT SANDERS!



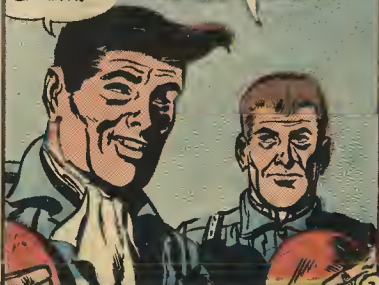
REGAN, ALERT YOUR SQUADRON OF MIG'S JUST CROSSED THE YALL!

HERE WE GO AGAIN!



I'LL BET A COKE I'LL GET ONE BEFORE YOU DO, CAPTAIN.

STAY IN FORMATION AND FORGET ABOUT GLORY HUNTING, SANDERS! THAT'S AN ORDER!



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RED FIGHT LEADER TO TOWER--
FLIGHT IS AIRBORNE!



CAPTAIN REGAN'S FLIGHT CLAWED FOR ALTITUDE
AT FULL POWER--WHILE GROUND RADAR KEPT
THEM INFORMED OF THE LOCATION OF THE
RUSSIAN-BUILT MIG'S...

RED LEADER ONE TO RED
TWO--CLOSE IN! KEEP
FORMATION OR YOU'LL
BE A STATISTIC IN THE
COMMUNIKES!

ROGER, RED
LEADER, BUT
DON'T WORRY
SO HARD,
HUH?



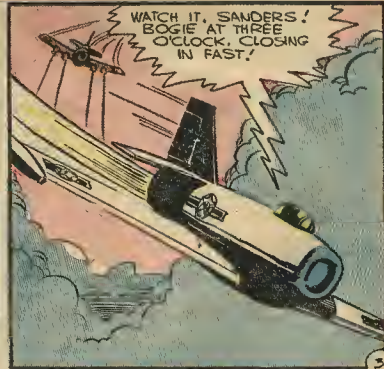
HOT-SHOT THINKS HE KNOWS IT
ALL--HOPE I CAN KEEP HIM
ALIVE LONG ENOUGH FOR
HIM TO LEARN!



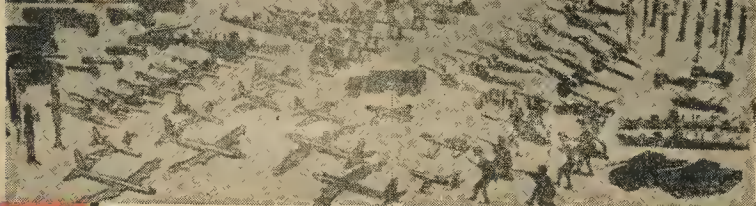
BOGIES AT EIGHT
O'CLOCK! WATCH
ME GET ONE,
RETRREAD--SIR!



WATCH IT, SANDERS!
BOGIE AT THREE
O'CLOCK, CLOSING
IN FAST!



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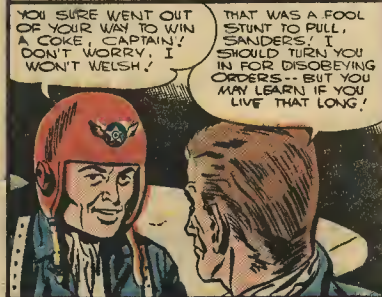
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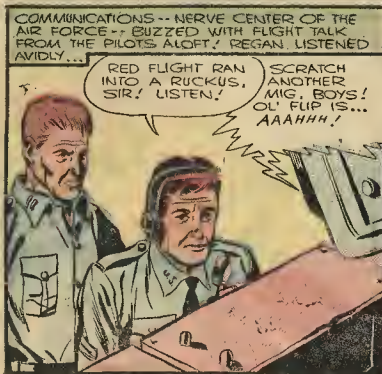
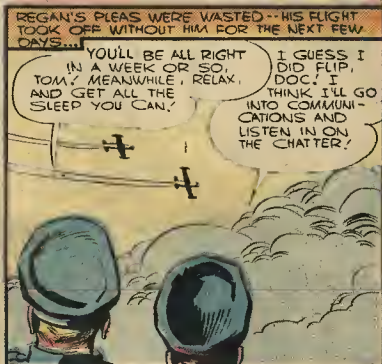
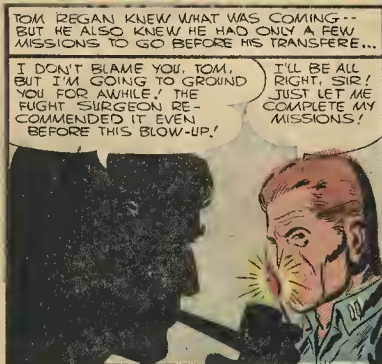


THE MIG'S DOVE FOR GROUND AND HEADED BACK ACROSS THE VALU TO SAFETY--WHILE CAPTAIN REGAN'S FLIGHT RETURNED TO THE BASE...



TOM REGAN BECAME MORE BITTER WITH EVERY MISSION-- THE LETTERS FROM HIS WIFE WERE CHEERFUL BUT HE MISSED HER... AND THE KIDS...





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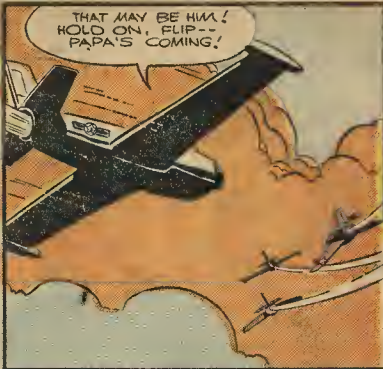
CAPTAIN REGAN GRABBED THE FIRST SABREJET ON THE LINE! A MINUTE LATER HE WAS AIRBORNE...

HELLO, FLIP!
WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?

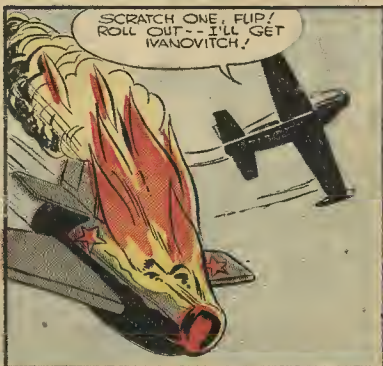
PRETTY NASTY! THE CANOPY IS SHATTERED AND I'M PLAYING LEAPFROG WITH A COUPLE COMMIES IN THE HILLS!



THAT MAY BE HIM!
HOLD ON, FLIP--
PAPA'S COMING!



SCRATCH ONE, FLIP!
ROLL OUT--I'LL GET
IVANOVITCH!



BOTH MIG'S WENT DOWN...AND CAPTAIN REGAN GUIDED THE CRIPPLED JET BACK TO THE FIELD...

YOU SURE
SAVED MY
LIFE,
CAPTAIN!

I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS,
TOM! THAT MISSION
WAS YOUR LAST! YOU'VE
JUST EARNED A TICKET
HOME!



I'LL STICK AROUND,
SIR, IF YOU DON'T
MIND! SOME-
ONE HAS TO
SHOW THESE
KIDS HOW
TO DO THE
JOB! I
GUESS IT'S
UP TO US
RETEARDS!



THE END

"Arctic Survival" 11

The Northeast Air Command with headquarters at Pepperill Air Base, Newfoundland, includes all USAF installations in Greenland, Newfoundland, Labrador and the easternmost parts of the Canadian Archipelago. NEAC works closely with Canada and Denmark, within whose territories all the Command's bases are located.

Thule, lying in the frigid wastelands of a valley called Piktufik by the Eskimos means "a place to rest and tie your dogs." It is now a steel and aluminum city. Around Thule all is bleak, icy and desolate. To the north and south lie forbidding black mountains with their frigid seas where icebergs float. To the east peaks blown clear of snow. To the west are the gleam the eternal snows of the Greenland icecap.

Into this far northern "Gibraltar" came Peter Thornley, once reporter for the News-Herald Syndicate. In his late thirties this man had built up a good reading public with his accounts of the events in different parts of the world. He was about five feet ten, thin, with deep set blue eyes, and a mass of coal colored wavy hair. His friendly smile and his ability to handle difficult situations were the basis of his success. Air Intelligence had given him full clearance and now he was speaking to Captain John Kent.

"My readers would be interested in knowing something about this base. And also how you operate in making a rescue. There's nothing better to hold human interest than the dramatic story of trying to save human lives."

"American Ingenuity keeps the buildings at a comfortable 72 degrees by the use of steam plants," explained the tall muscular air officer. "Built on stilts and anchored by tons of concrete, the structures neither sink into the permanent frost nor blow away when the freezing gales hurricane down off the icecaps. Though work on the outside is kept to a minimum during the winter months, we have Air Force gear designed to keep the men comfortable at 40 degrees below.

The pilots and radar operators who man the rugged F-89 jets which guard the base are real professionals in every sense of the word. Each dawn they fly a 4 hour sweep over the icy seas. By day they polish their marksmanship

chasing row targets across the icecap. Everyone is on the alert ready to take to the air on a moment's notice should an intruder from beyond the Pole show upon our radarscope.

One of our crack outfits is made up of the pilots and crewmen who man the rescue planes. At the end of the week I will take you up in a plane. We will land at some undesignated spot. This will be a simulated case of being forced down in the Arctic and trying to survive while waiting for help to come. Now if you are afraid of this experience, just say so. No need to risk your neck in order to get a true word account of arctic survival."

"Just get me a nice warm flying suit," challenged Peter Thornley "and I'll go with you. Of course it is comforting to know it really is what the kids call make-believe. But it will give me a good idea of the dangers faced when a crash takes place."

At the end of the week, Peter Thornley had collected two notebooks full of material from his observations and talks with the men at the base. He was now ready for the big adventure. Sergeant Mike Pilusky gave the reporter some first hand advice based on his own personal experiences when he was forced down in the Arctic.

"The first and most deadly hazard you'll face," he told him, "in a forced landing is the bitter intense low temperatures and icy winds you usually get in winter. In winter the thermometer ranges anywhere from 10 to 75 below zero. The winds may range from 25 to 100 miles an hour in the more northern regions. Winter also means 23 to 24 hours' darkness each day.

The first thing you must do to survive is to immediately build some kind of a shelter to protect you from the cold. Otherwise your body will freeze. Depending where you are forced down, your shelter could be a paratepee, cabin, lean-to, hogan, or the simple snowhole. This is a small excavation with an ice-block roof. Then prepare warm foods from your emergency rations. Your plane has a small battery-powered radio so all you have to do is wait and survive until help comes. And we'll send help. You can be sure of that. If necessary we can call on the help of Eskimo hunters. Hope you enjoy the experience."

The Sergeant helped the reporter into a warm flying suit. Outside was the plane that was to carry the captain and the reporter on the trip: The two men entered the plane and soon it was zooming out of sight. When it could no longer be seen, Sergeant Mike Pilusky passed a comment to Corporal Ben Jacobs.

"What some guys will do to get a story! Bet he would even put his head into a lion's mouth if it would make the front page. Hope he enjoys the experience."

Peter Thornley hadn't the slightest idea of how long the plane was in the air before it landed. It might have been half an hour or even three hours. At a short distance from the plane the two men started work on building an igloo. After three hours of work it was finished and they started to bring in supplies from the plane. They sat down for a brief meal when a terrific explosion shattered the quiet of the Arctic. Both ran out and saw what had happened.

"The plane," was all that came from the lips of Captain John Kent.

"We didn't bring the radio out of the plane," added Peter Thornley.

The two men returned slowly to the igloo. Neither spoke to the other for some time. For they both realized that what had been done in make-believe was now the real thing.

"They will wait until they get a message from us," explained the air officer. "However after a reasonable time has elapsed they will realize something has gone wrong. Then the searching parties will be out after us. We must raise a giant cross on the surface snow with blocks of snow or ice. These black formations cast shadows during daylight hours and can be seen fairly easily from the air. Meanwhile we must watch our supplies. The survival kits we have with us furnish only the minimum food supplies. There are very few migratory animals here so that the odds are against us killing enough game to provide food to keep up our strength."

The next five days were cheerless. There was an ominous overcast in the skies that served as a cover so even a low flying plane could not spot the two men. Twice they thought they heard the sound of planes in the air. Captain

John Kent made snow goggles to protect their eyes against the glare.

"We haven't much food left," he grimly admitted. "But they will find us if they have to send out every plane, snowmobile, and dog sled. If wood were only available. Then we could send up some signal fires into the sky the next time we think we hear planes in the air. If we had some lubricating oil, it would make a good smudge."

Two days later the food supply was exhausted. The two men were outside the igloo. Captain John Kent was worried about the reporter. It was evident that the civilian was thinking of something. Suddenly they both heard the sound of planes in the air. Peter Thornley rushed over to a spot and took out his cigarette lighter. He touched it to the snow. There was a terrific blaze and he jumped back in time.

"What a fool I have been," admitted Captain John Kent. "Some fuel from the plane must have been thrown on the snow. It froze and turned into solid fuel."

The planes in the sky saw the smudge that followed the first blaze. Three turned around. One dipped low and then dropped a parachute with supplies and a small portable radio.

"You can depend upon our boys every time," said the air officer. "And your story will make top reading for the public."

Every incident later went into the story which Peter Thornley wrote for the syndicate. To be exact, one incident didn't go in because it was classified as top secret at the time. And this is what was left out.

"That reporter certainly deserves a lot of credit," Captain John Kent told Colonel Robert Meadows. "He must have figured out what I overlooked. That some fuel from the plane was on the snow."

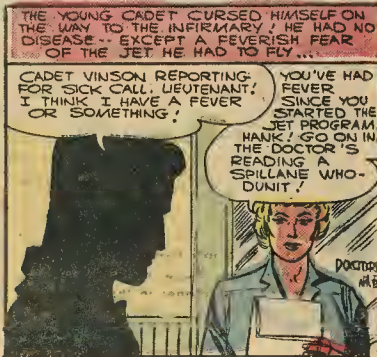
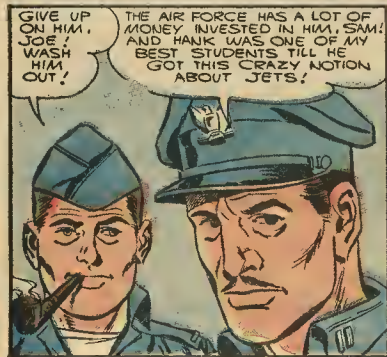
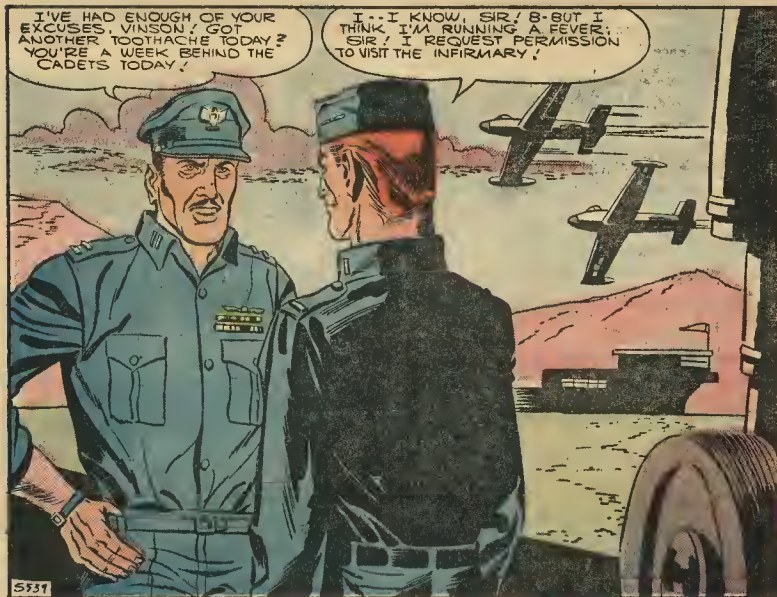
"Nothing of the sort," snapped back Colonel Robert Meadows. "He did it as a gesture. Sort of a wish that there should have been oil. That oil on the snow wasn't from your plane. We checked thoroughly. You two discovered the first Arctic Oil Deposit for this country."

THE END

FIGHTIN' AIR FORCE

JET SOLO

THE TRAINING FIELD IN SOUTHWEST TEXAS BAKED IN THE SUN BUT HANK VINSON FORGOT THE HEAT -- WHAT TROUBLEO HIM WAS THE SLEEK JET TRAINER WAITING ON THE LINE -- WAITING FOR HIM TO MASTER! BUT A FEAR HAD BUILT UP IN THE HUSKY CADET -- NOT OF FLYING -- JUST A FEAR THAT IF HE TRIED TO FLY THE JET HE WOULD DIE!



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I FELT KIND OF
DIZZY THIS
MORNING, SIR!
I THOUGHT
MAYBE I ...

I KNOW THE SYMPTOMS
VINSON, QUITE A FEW
CADETS SHOW UP
WITH THEM IN EVERY
CLASS, IF IT'S ANY
COMFORT, MOST OF
THEM RECOVER.



THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED ASPIRIN AND A
DAY OFF TO EASE VINSON'S TENSION--
BUT THE TENSION WAS BUILDING UP STEADILY

THESE JETS ARE
ROUGH, ED, YOU'VE
GOT TO BE LUCKY
AS WELL AS GOOD
TO LAST IN THEM!

YEAH, IF I HAD
ANY BRAINS,
I'D QUIT.



THEY KNOW ABOUT ME, EVEN THE NURSE
AND THE DOCTOR KNOW ABOUT IT,
I NEVER CHICKENED OUT BEFORE,
WHY NOW?



SAY, VINSON, SIT
DOWN, HUH? LET'S
TALK A LITTLE.

YES,
SIR.



LOOK, HANK, YOU AREN'T THE
FIRST GUY WHO CHOKED UP IN
TRAINING, I WENT THROUGH IT
TOO, MOST OF US DID AT
ONE TIME OR ANOTHER,
BUT WE GOT OVER
IT, RELAX, HOW
ABOUT COMING
INTO TOWN
TONIGHT?



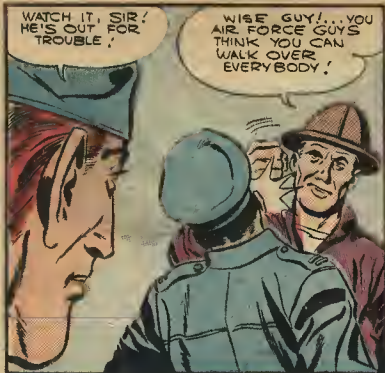
CAPTAIN BLAKE HELPED HANK GET A PASS--
THE GROUP MET IN A CAFE IN THE TEXAS
TOWN THAT EVENING... THE PLACE WAS
ON THE ROUGH SIDE...

DON'T HOG ALL THE
SPACE, FLYBOY!
YOU CAN GET
HURT THAT WAY.

WE'RE MINDING
OUR OWN BUSINESS,
MISTER-- SUPPOSE
YOU DO THE
SAME.



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WATCH IT, SIR!
HE'S OUT FOR
TROUBLE!

WISE GUY!...YOU
AIR FORCE GUYS
THINK YOU CAN
WALK OVER
EVERYBODY!



THAT WAS A CRUMMY TRICK,
PAL! TRY ME NOW--BUT
YOU WON'T GET A CHANCE
TO THROW A SNEAK
PUNCH!

IT'S A
PLEASURE,
SONNY!
I'LL TEAR
YOU APART!



STAND UP, SONNY!
DON'T QUIT SO
FAST!



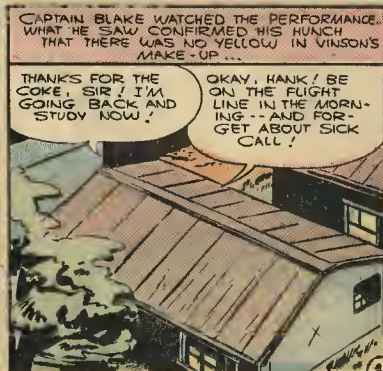
WATCH
IT,
HANK!

I'LL HANDLE THIS GUY, SIR!
JUST KEEP THE OTHERS
AWAY!



COME ON,
BOTH OF
YOU! I'M
IN THE
MOOD
TONIGHT!

COOL OFF, GENERAL! WE
SAW WHAT YOU DID TO
SPUD! WE'RE JUST
TAKIN' HIM OUT OF
HERE!



CAPTAIN BLAKE WATCHED THE PERFORMANCE...
WHAT HE SAW CONFIRMED HIS HUNCH
THAT THERE WAS NO YELLOW IN VINSON'S
MAKE-UP...

THANKS FOR THE
COKE, SIR! I'M
GOING BACK AND
STUDY NOW!

OKAY, HANK! BE
ON THE FLIGHT
LINE IN THE MORN-
ING--AND FOR-
GET ABOUT SICK
CALL!

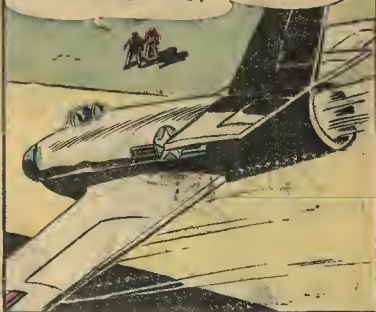
VINSON DIDN'T SLEEP MUCH THAT NIGHT... BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO GO THROUGH WITH HIS FIRST JET FLIGHT IN THE MORNING.

REPORTING AS ORDERED, SIR!

HOLD IT A MINUTE, VINSON! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT PLANE!



HIS FLAPS ARE STUCK! HE'LL LAND TOO FAST IF HE DOESN'T GET THEM LOOSE! SIGNAL THE FIRE TRUCK AND THE AMBULANCE!



THE STUDENT IN THE TRAINER TURNED TO LAND -- CAPTAIN BLAKE HAD BEEN RIGHT...

H-HE'LL GET KILLED, SIR!

MAYBE NOT IF HE DOES NOT CATCH FIRE!



RUN, VINSON! IT'LL GO UP IN A SECOND!

I'LL STICK AROUND TO MAKE SURE COME ON, GET MOVING!



VINSON FLEW IN A JET FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT MORNING -- THE FIRST OF MANY FLIGHTS! HE WAS TENSE AND STILL OBSESSED WITH THE FEAR...

THAT WAS BAD, VINSON! FOR A GUY WHO FIGHTS BULLIES WAVING BOTTLES AND A GUY WHO SAVES PILOTS FROM BURNING PLANES, YOU'RE SURE CHICKEN!



CHICKEN, HE CALLED ME! I'LL FLY THIS CRATE -- THEN I'LL BUST HIM RIGHT IN THE NOSE!



YOU TRYING TO KILL THAT KID, JOE? HE'S NOT READY TO SOLO A JET!

HE'S AS GOOD AS HE'LL EVER BE! HE'LL COME OUT OF IT OKAY!



WHILE HANK VINSON FOUGHT HIS FEAR IN THE PLANE, HE HEARD A FAMILIAR VOICE ON HIS PLANE RADIO...

SLOPPY, VINSON! WHERE'S YOUR GUTS? YOU'RE STILL CHICKEN! YOU'D BETTER LAND BEFORE YOU RUIN A GOOD PLANE!



SO I'M CHICKEN--BUT WHEN I GET DOWN I'M GOING TO KNOCK YOUR TEETH OUT... SIR!

I DOUBT IT, VINSON! YOU HAVEN'T GOT THE GUTS!

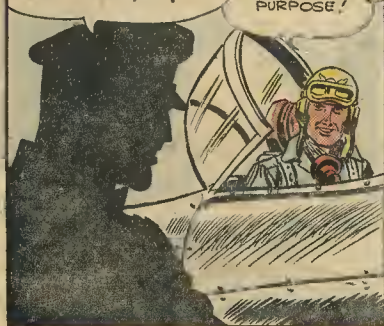


VINSON'S LANDING WASN'T PERFECT--BUT HE SLAMMED IT IN, SWITCHED OFF THE ENGINE, AND VAULTED TO THE GROUND! HE'D FORGOTTEN HIS FEAR OF JETS--HE ONLY WANTED A CRACK AT CAPTAIN JOE BLAKE...



HOLD IT, HANK! AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SOLO!

I'M GONNA... HEY, YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE!



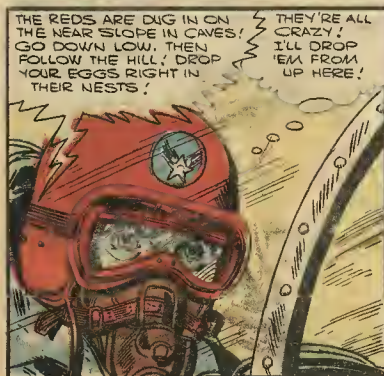
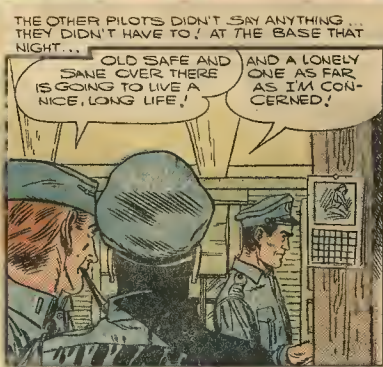
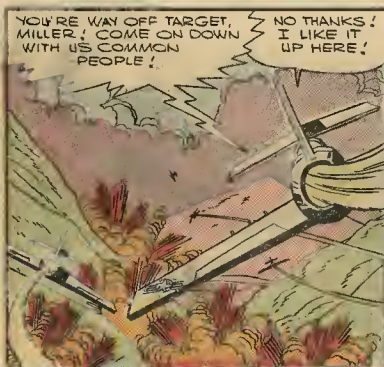
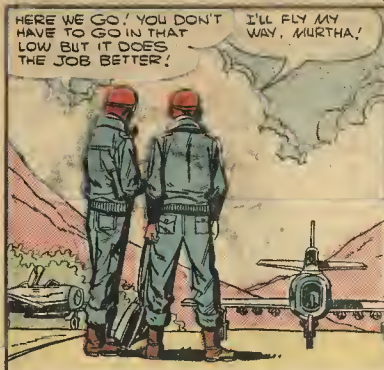
SIX MONTHS LATER--CAPTAIN JOE BLAKE ARRIVED TO TAKE OVER A FLIGHT AFTER BEING RELIEVED OF HIS TRAINING ASSIGNMENT...

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, SIR! I'M GETTING USED TO JETS NOW!

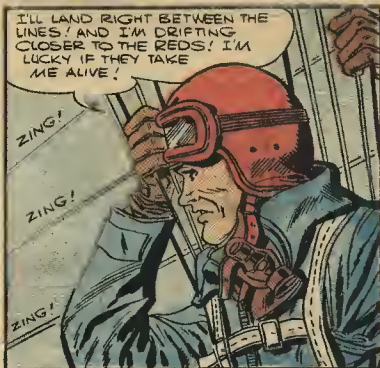
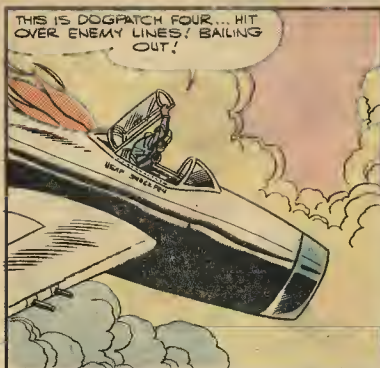
I'LL SAY HE IS! HE'S GOT FOUR MIGS TO HIS CREDIT--HE CAN REALLY JOCKEY A SABRE, CAPTAIN!



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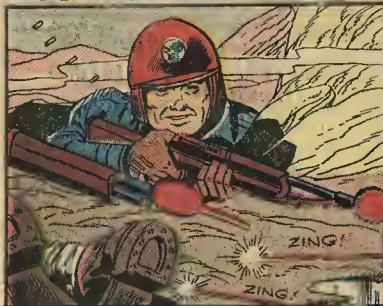


THE GRATEFUL GI'S HAD NO INTENTION OF LOSING ONE OF THEIR 'ANGELS'. THEY POISED FOR A FAST DASH AS THE PARACHUTE SETTLED...



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THE REDS HIT AT DUSK... WAVE AFTER WAVE POURING OUT OF THE CAVES AND DOWN THE HILL! THE LIEUTENANT FERVENTLY WISHED HE WAS BACK IN A SAFE THUNDERJET...



DOWN ONE AND THREE MORE REDS JUMP UP! THEY'LL OVERRUN US IF THEY KEEP COMING!

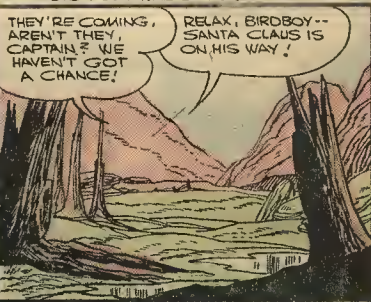


I'M LOW ON AMMO, CAPTAIN! GOT A FEW HUNDRED ROUNDS TO SPARE?

THERE'S NOT THAT MANY IN THE WHOLE COMPANY, LIEUTENANT! GET SET-- THEY'LL BE BACK!



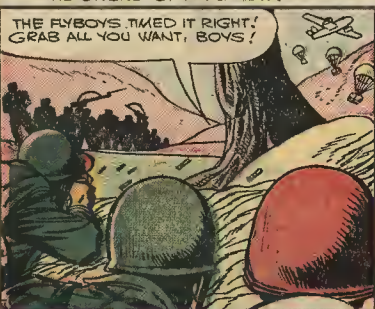
ATTACK AFTER ATTACK WAS BEATEN OFF... BUT THE WEARY, EXHAUSTED INFANTRY WERE SLOWLY FALLING BACK! AT DAYLIGHT, THE BIG PUSH WAS DUE...



THEY'RE COMING, AREN'T THEY, CAPTAIN? WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE!

RELAX, BIRDBOY-- SANTA CLAUS IS ON HIS WAY!

THE INSANE CLASH OF SYMBOLS AND SHRIEKING OF BUGLES HERALDED THE COMING ATTACK! BUT ABOVE IT ALL, HANK HEARD THE DRONE OF A PLANE...



THE FLYBOYS TIMED IT RIGHT! GRAB ALL YOU WANT, BOYS!

... BUT JUST AMMUNITION WASN'T ENOUGH! THE REDS WERE SWARMING DOWN...



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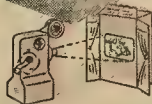
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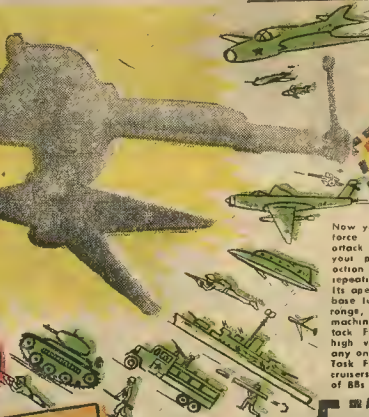
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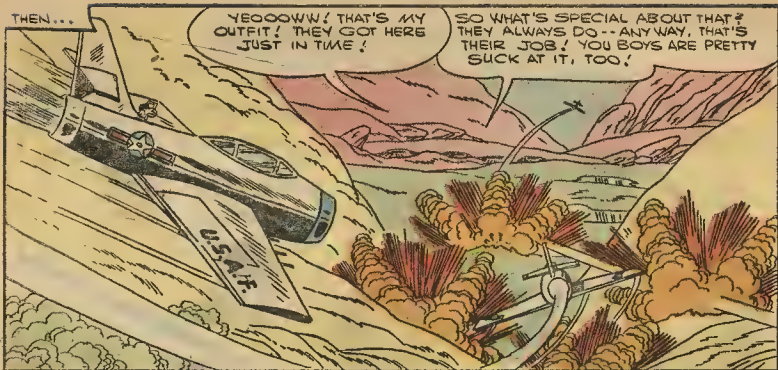


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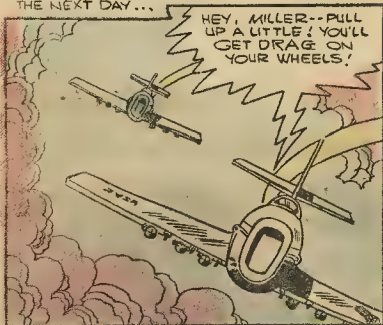
YEEHOOWW! THAT'S MY
OUTFIT! THEY GOT HERE
JUST IN TIME!

SO WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THAT?
THEY ALWAYS DO -- ANYWAY, THAT'S
THEIR JOB! YOU BOYS ARE PRETTY
SUCK AT IT, TOO!

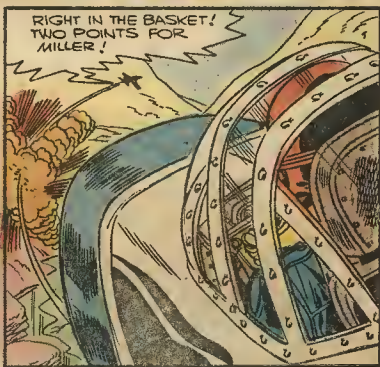


LIEUTENANT MILLER CAUGHT A RIDE BACK
THAT MORNING! HE FLEW HIS FIRST MISSION
THE NEXT DAY...

HEY, MILLER--PULL
UP A LITTLE! YOU'LL
GET DRAG ON
YOUR WHEELS!



RIGHT IN THE BASKET!
TWO POINTS FOR
MILLER!



WHAT CHANGED YOU,
MILLER? YOU WERE
REALLY LOW!

JUST ONE NIGHT WITH THE
FOOT SLOGGERS DID THE
TRICK! NOW I KNOW HOW
THEY FEEL WHEN THEY
DO A JOB!

HEY, HERO! WE NEED
ANOTHER HAND FOR
HEARTS!

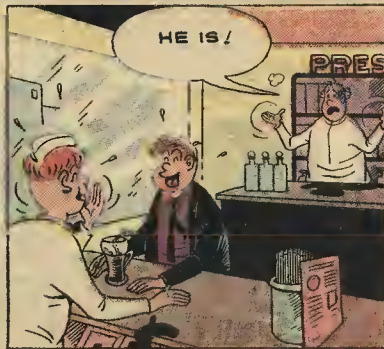
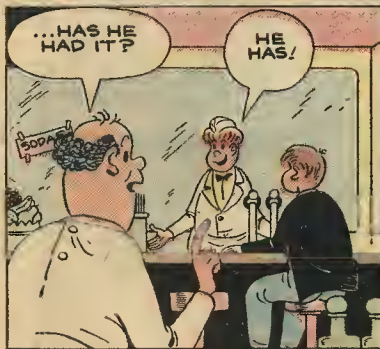
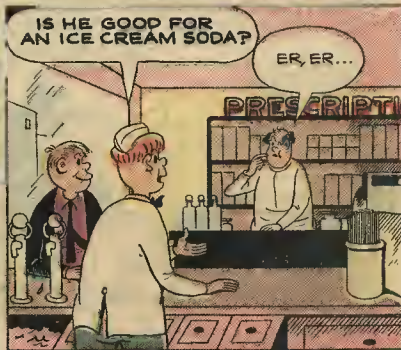
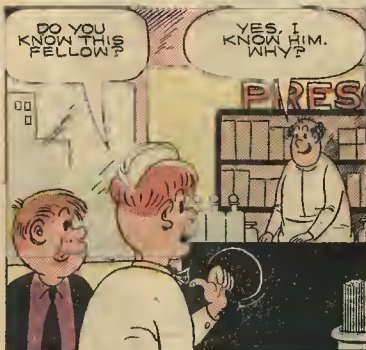
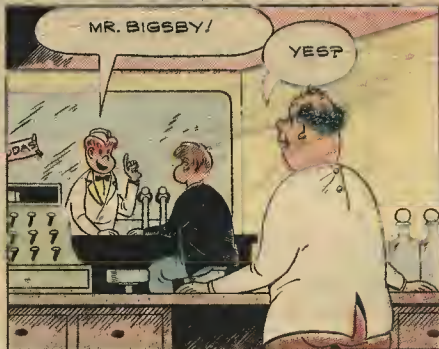


WHAT? YEAH, I
LIKE THE GAME!
ESPECIALLY WITH
A BUNCH OF NICE
GUYS!

END

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THE BOSS
PHILOSOPHIC!



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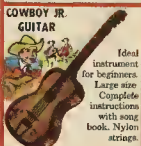
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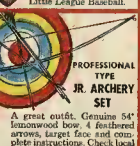
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